PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

OF THE

FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

HESTER'S, GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.,

August, 11th, 12th and 13th, 1885.

MODERATOR—F. P. HOBGOOD.....Oxford, N C.
CLERK—B. F. HESTER.....Oxford,
TREASURER—A. C. PARHAM.....Oxford,

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.	IF PASTOR.	RESIDENCE.
Atkinson, J. W.	Rogers' Store, N. C.	Pastor.	Wake County.
Devin, R. I.	Oxford, "	"	Oxford.
Horner, T. J.	Henderson, "	"	Henderson.
Humphries, C. F.	Oxford, "	"	Granville County.
Hardaway, J. S.	Oxford, "	"	Oxford.
Marsh, R. H.	Oxford, "	"	Oxford.
Montague Jno. E.	Bethel Hill, "	"	Person County.
Montague, E. J.	Gibbon, "	"	Person County.
McDuffie, M. V.	Henderson, "	"	Henderson.
Pittard, G. N.	Young's x Roads "	"	Granville County.
Stradley, J. A.	Oxford, "	"	Oxford.

PROCEEDINGS.

HESTER'S CHURCH, August 11th, 1885.

Elder M. V. McDuffie preached the introductory sermon of the 92nd session of the Flat River Association. Intermission.

AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. F. P. Hobgood, and after reading the Scripture, the letters from the churches were read and the delegates enrolled:

Antioch—Jno. Allen, Henry Nichols.
Amis' Chapel—H. Stovall, W. C. Rogers, A. D. Frazier.
Bethel—
Bethany—Jas. Copley, G. W. Brinkley, H. C. Sweeney.
Concord—S. A. Green, R. Currin, E. C. Coley.
Corinth—W. J. Dean, D. C. Averett, J. B. Elliott.
Enon—T. R. Averett, B. F. Hester.
Fellowship—Isaiah Dear, G. T. Peace, Henry Haley.
Flat River Union—E. H. Veazey, M. C. Washington, Ro. A. Critcher.
Grassy Creek—G. W. Royster, D. A. Pittard, J. R. Ragsdale.
Henderson—J. H. Lassiter, S. Dean, J. L. H. Missillier.
Hester's—R. H. Hobgood, M. C. Dean, Henry Hobgood.
Island Creek—R. A. Gill, R. L. Dunn, H. T. Shanks.
Mary's Chapel—P. E. Allen, J. Z. Allen, Wyatt Perry.
Mill Creek—R. C. Pugh, B. F. Gentry, John P. Buchanan.
Mt. Harmony—Johnnie Peed, Rev. E. J. Montague.
Mountain Creek—D. W. Eakes, R. T. Blackwell, W. H. Blackwell.
Mt. Zion—B. D. Howard, Pinkney Meadows, J. T. Ragan.
New Light—L. B. Lassiter, Wm. Ray, L. A. Wilson.
North Fork—S. M. Wilborne, C. S. Height, B. W. Owen.
Olive Branch—F. Harris, J. J. Drumwright, Oscar Yancey.
Oxford—F. P. Hobgood, T. D. Crawford, F. M. Meadows.
Poplar Creek—A. J. Wright, G. W. Wright, J. H. Parham.
Providence—F. P. Ramsey, Drewry Gravitt, Jas. H. Duncan.
Pleasant Grove—W. H. Adcock, T. M. Tomerson, W. N. Fuller.
Roxboro—J. C. Masten, W. A. Woody, A. R. Foushee.
Tally Ho—T. J. Smith, W. D. Bowden, J. H. Bowden.

On balloting, F. P. Hobgood was elected Moderator, B. F. Hester, Clerk, and A. C. Parham, Treasurer.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Periodicals—Elder J. S. Hardaway, Jno. Allen, W. C. Rogers.
Education—Elder R. I. Devin, H. C. Sweeney, W. J. Dean.
Foreign Missions—Elder R. H. Marsh, T. R. Averett, G. T. Peace.
State Missions—Elder A. G. McManaway, D. H. Veazey, R. C. Pugh.
Associational Missions—J. J. Meadows, G. N. Pittard, H. T. Shanks.
Sunday Schools—Elder J. A. Stradley, J. Z. Allen, J. C. Masten.
Church Letters—M. V. McDuffie, J. S. Hardaway.
Home Missios—Elder J. P. Montague, J. H. Lassiter, R. H. Hobgood.
Systematic Beneficence—Elder J. S. Hardaway, J. J. Drumwright.
Time and Place of Next Meeting—G. W. Wright, Pink Meadows, L. B. Lassiter.
Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Hester's Church.

The report on Periodicals was discussed by Elder C. T. Bailey, who said the BIBLICAL RECORDER will be what it has been—departing in nothing from the true doctrine. It will not go into politics. Baptist supremacy is not desired, but Baptist equality will be asserted and maintained.

Elder J. S. Hardaway: The paper advocates no new-fangled theology. After remarks by Bro. S. L. Howard, the report was adopted:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

There is no need of an extended report on this subject. It is generally agreed that our most useful members subscribe to some religious paper. And we do not see how a person can do intelligent work unless he keeps posted as to the doings of the denomination. While we may congratulate ourselves on the fact that so many of our brethren are regular readers of religious papers, we know that a large number in every church ought to subscribe who do not. Among the many excellent Baptist papers published, none can be to the Baptists of North Carolina what the BIBLICAL RECORDER is to them. It is their State paper; a paper that has fostered every Baptist interest in North Carolina, so that the interests of the Baptists seem inseparably linked with the RECORDER,

We, therefore, while commending all good Baptist publications, would most earnestly commend the RECORDER to the patronage of the brethren.

We would also warmly recommend to Sunday Schools "KIND WORDS," published at Macon, Georgia, as a valuable aid in Sunday School work.

J. S. HARDAWAY.

The Committee on Associational Missions offered the following report:

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, the undersigned, appointed by your body as an association committee, make the following report:

We employed Rev. T. J. Horner to preach monthly at Bethany and at the new church near Townsville, at a salary of one hundred dollars per year. Our missionary served 5 months at Townsville, for which your committee has paid him - - - - $ 41 66
Salary paid for services at Bethany, - - - 75 04

Total paid our missionary, - - - $116 70

You committee agreed to pay one hundred dollars to help support a pastor at Roxboro, to be paid quarterly. The Roxboro church has procured a pastor, commencing 1st day of July, 1885.

Funds received, - - - - - - $ 199 40
Paid T. J. Horner, - - - - $116 70
Paid Roxboro Church, - - - 8 33
125 03

Balance on hand, - - - - $ 74 57

J. J. MEADOWS,
Chairman of Association Com.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

In Missionary work I have travelled nearly 900 miles. I have labored 12 months at Bethany. At the close of a meeting recently held there in which brother R. H. Marsh gave invaluable assistance. I baptized 11 persons—9 males and 2 females, into the fellowship of the church. I think the fellowship of the church has been nearly doubled since our last Association. The station below Townsville is a hard but hopeful field. I appointed a protracted meeting on the 4th Sunday in March last to begin on the 4th Sunday in July. The meeting has been held. We had the assistance of brethren Ellington, Jones, Pruitt, McDuffie and Marsh. It was a good meeting. Seeds were sown which I hope will spring up and bear much fruit to the honor and glory of God. As a result of our labors some 14 or 15 professions were made, and on last Sunday week I baptized 6 persons into the fellowship of Island Creek Church, and others are waiting for baptism, &c.

Hardside influence moderation.

T. J. HORNER

The report was discussed by Bro. J. J. Meadows, Elders T. J. Horner, R. H. Marsh, M. V. McDuffie, C. T. Bailey, Bro. F. P. Hobgood and Elder J. S. Hardaway.

Pending further discussion, adjourned till 9½ o'clock a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by Elder J. A. Stradley.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, August 12th, 1885.

After devotional exercises an invitation to visiting brethren was accepted by Elders C. T. Bailey, of the *Biblical Recorder;* C. Durham, of Mt. Zion Association; D. W. Herring, accepted missionary to China; A. G. McManaway, representing Home Mission Board, and W. L. Wright.

On motion, Elders C. Durham, T. J. Horner and Bro. F. M. Meadows were appointed a Committee on the Baptist Orphanage, and that this subject be special order for 3 o'clock this p. m.

The discussion of the report on Associational Missions was resumed, and remarks were made by Elders C. T. Bailey, M. V. McDuffie, R. H. Marsh, T. J. Horner, J. S. Hardaway and C. Durham, when, on motion, it was made a special order for 11 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

The Committee on Sunday Schools submitted the following report:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee submit the following report on Sabbath Schools: We are satisfied beyond reasonable doubt, that the Sabbath School work is one of the most important Christian enterprises that now engages the attention of God's people. It opens up a field of labor in which every christian can find work to do. It is the best of all known means to increase Bible knowledge. It does more than any other work to prepare people for the reception of the gospel. It is a powerful means of developing christian gifts and graces. It is a sad fact that not more than one-fourth of the memberehip of our churches is engaged in this good work. We believe that less public scolding and more private persuading would increase the number of Sabbath School workers. A church that does not keep up a Sabbath School is worth but little to the cause of Christ, and will sooner or later die out.

We rejoice that so many of the churches of this Association are engaged in this good work. Let us put forth earnest efforts to increase the number and efficiency of Sabbath School workers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A STRADLEY,
J. Z. ALLEN,
J. C. MASTEN,
Committee.

The report was discussed by Bro. A. C. Parham, Elders J. A. Stradley and R. T. Vann, and adopted.

The Committee on Education offered the following report, which, after an interesting talk by Elder R. T. Vann and a hat collection of $5.43, was adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

As Christians and Baptists we should take a deep interest in the subject of general education.

The prosperity of our country and the elevation of our race, depend in no small measure upon the diffusion of christian knowledge among our people. The duty is imperative upon parents to educate their children as thoroughly as their opportunities and means will allow. We must educate.

It gives us pleasure to state that Wake Forest College stands upon a solid basis, and has entered upon a career of greater prosperity and usefulness. The Baptists of North Carolina should look to this college with peculiar pleasure, as a safe place to educate their sons without endangering their morals. The Faculty is composed of men able and faithful, whose high attainments in literature and science are known and acknowledged.

Your committee would call attention to the Female Seminary at Oxford, under the control of Prof. F. P. Hobgood, and the Horner Male School at Henderson, under the direction of Rev. T. J. Horner & Son, as excellent and prosperous schools, and in every respect worthy of Baptist patronage.

Your committee wish to call special attention to ministerial education, and the necessities of the Board of Education. During the last session at Wake Forest College, there were 34 young men preparing for the ministry who were supported wholly or in part by this board. The demands upon the board are constantly increasing, and consequently increased contributions are called for from the churches.

All should aid in this good cause, so that every worthy brother who is preparing for the gospel ministry may receive as thorough training as possible for his great work. Help the Education Board.

R. I. DEVIN,
H. C. SWEENEY,
W. J. DEAN,
Committee.

The hour for the special order having arrived, the report on the Baptist Orphanage was introduced, and after the necessity for such an institution had been shown, and its plans and purposes explained by Elders C. Durham and R. I. Devin, a cash collection was taken up, and the Association resolved to raise additional funds sufficient to build one house. The report was then adopted, as follows:

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE ASSOCIATION.

This Association, chartered by the last session of our Legislature with all the powers and privileges asked for or desired, held on Wednesday, August 5th, 1885, its first annual session on its own grounds, at Thomasville. The meeting was most encouraging and perfectly harmonious, and all departments of the work were found to be in a most hopeful condition.

Arrangements are now made for four buildings which will accommodate 100 children, and it is hoped that these will all be completed before the winter.

What part will this association take in this work? Are there not men in the churches here represented, if looked up and talked to wisely about this important work, that will pay for, at least one building, and thus perpetuate their memory through the ages? Will not this Association pay for a building?

Respectfully,

C. DURHAM, Chm'n.
T. J. HORNER,
F. M. MEADOWS.

After prayer, adjourned till 9½ o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

THURSDAY MORNING, August 13th, 1885.

After devotional exercises, the minutes were read and corrected, and the roll of delegates revised.

After remarks by Elders McManaway, Stradley, Devin, Marsh and Bro. A. C. Parham, the Association adopted the following report on State Missions, agreeing to raise $300 for that object:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee on State Missions congratulate the Association on two things: (1). That Bro. John E. Ray has been induced to give his whole time to the State Missions and Sunday School Boards, and (2). That the board has increased its work until 68 missionaries are under its employ. Your committee will not undertake to sum up the results and blessings that have attended the work of the missionaries of this board, for eternity alone will reveal these things. But we do undertake to recommend that the churches of the Association shall show their appreciation for the work of this board by increasing their contributions and multiplying their prayers in its behalf.

A. G. MCMANAWAY,
For Committee.

Elder D. W. Herring made a telling speech on the report on Foreign Missions, and after a cash collection of $54 was taken up, the report was adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Paul says, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise," Rom. 1: 14. This bit of personal experience has been given us by inspiration, "and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

In our indebtedness to the world two accounts may be specially mentioned: (1). The duty of prayer. "I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men. * * * For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth," 1 Tim. 2: 1–4. We must pray for the heathen—what ought and do we ask God in their behalf? Surely, that they may be *saved;* in God's way, by the Spirit through the Word. "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth," James 1: 18. Can prayer for the nations be answered without corresponding effort, without the Word, any more than "Give us this day our daily bread," without personal effort? Prayer leads to the second account: (2). Honest, faithful, christian effort in giving the gospel to the world. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The field is large and the laborers are few. *One billion* of perishing souls with about fifty missionaries—948,135 stay at home; 49 go. The contributions to our board, last year, were $81,289.59, about *eight cents* a head. In building a church in Africa, brother David says, "One of our members gave four months' salary to the church fund, another a fifth of a year's salary, two others a tenth each."

This year $100,000 are necessary, in view of increased force and necessary building. Of this amount North Carolina is asked for $8,000, and the Flat River Association $750—$150 more than the Association gave last year. This year we have contributed $655.59. Among the four ministers recently appointed as missionaries, two are from North Carolina, Elders R. T. Bryan and D. W. Herring. They go this fall to China.

STATISTICS.—In *China*, with its 400,000,000, heathen, we have 25 foreign missionaries, 28 native assistants, 645 church members.

In *Italy*, with 26,789,000 Roman Catholics, we have one minister, his wife, and 10 native preachers, with 250 members.

In *Africa*, with 191,000,000 heathen and Mohammedans, we have 5 ministers and 8 native assistants, with 125 members.

In *Brazil*, with 11,780,000 Roman Catholics, we have 2 ministers, their wives, 4 native assistants, and 113 members.

In *Mexico*, with 9,000,000 Roman Catholics, we have 3 ministers, their wives, 4 unmarried ladies, 5 native preachers, and 190 members.

TOTAL.—Missionaries, 50; native assistants, 57; missions and stations, 30; baptized (1884) 203; church members, 1,323.

How can we help the work if we cannot go?

The Corresponding Secretary says:

1. Give regularly, liberally, and cheerfully to Foreign Missions. Phil. iv: 15, 16; 2 Cor. xi: 8, 9; 2 Cor. ix: 6, 7.

2. Pray daily that the gospel may be preached and accepted among all the nations. Pray also for the lives and comfort of missionaries, their access to the people, and their spiritual power. 2 Thess. iii: 1, 2.

3. Advocate the work. Having learned from God's Word, the condition of the heathen and the duty of Christians to them, urge these things, in the Spirit of Jesus, upon Christians wherever you can, and especially upon your own church. 2 Pet. i: 13.

4. Get and circulate tracts, papers, and books which encourage Christian Missions; and conscientiously distribute such literature

when sent to you. Mark iv: 4; Psalms xliii: 3. Christians are "children of the light." When they know the truth about the conditions and numbers of the heathen, the work done, and the work needful to be done, *they will help.*

5. Encourage in your church the adoption and faithful working of some system which will promote regular, liberal and cheerful giving to this work. 1 Cor. xvi: 2.

6. Take a good religious newspaper, read the religious news, and, whenever there is an appeal for the cause of Jesus, *help.*

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. PEACE,
T. R. AVERETT,
R. H. MARSH.

The hour for the special order arriving, the report on Associational Missions was again taken up and further discussed by Bro. J. J. Meadows and Elders McDuffie and Marsh.

On motion, this work was entrusted to a committee consisting of brethren J. J. Meadows, Lawson Knott and H. T. Shanks, with the promise that the Association would try to raise $800 to carry on the work.

Elder J. S. Hardaway made an interesting talk on the report on Home Missions, after which it was adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Atlanta, Ga., is composed of brethren entitled to our confidence in their work of sending the gospel to the destitute throughout the Southern States and territories. Bro. E. Dodson spent his last days working for this board in our State.

Bro. Blake, who left Weldon to supply the field made vacant by the death of Bro. B. F. Buckner, is now laboring very successfully in the Indian territory. There are 185 missionaries laboring in 8 different States and Territories.

Between twelve and fifteen thousand dollars have been raised at these mission stations to build houses of worship the past year. The board has paid out of its treasury for the same purpose more than $4,000.

It is now engaged in building a house of worship in New Orleans, which it hopes to complete by October next.

We commend the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to the patronage of the brethren of our Association.

J. P. MONTAGUE,
R. H. HOBGOOD.

The Committee on Church Letters offered a report, which, after some discussion, was, on motion, amended and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

By the examination of church letters we find that there has been a slight gain in the churches in numbers and contributions, as will be seen by the following statistics : added by baptism 109—lost by deaths and exclusions 86—leaving a gain of 23.

To Foreign, Home, State and Associational Missions and Education the contributions amount to $1,606.83, against $1,353.73 of last year; which shows an increase of $253.10. In addition to which we have spent $500 on church built at Townesville.

Two of our churches contribute nothing to Foreign Missions; 12 nothing to Ministerial Education; 9 nothing to Associational Missions; 8 nothing to State Missions: 12 nothing to Home Missions.

The full amount asked of our Association by Foreign and State Mission Boards has been raised and mostly forwarded.

The following is the average per member of the contributions to all objects, including church expenses and pastors' salary : Amis' Chapel, $1.31; Enon, $5.88; Henderson, $23.75; Bethel, $2.95; Hester's, $3.33; Island Creek, $2.43; Mill Creek, $1.86; Mountain Creek, $1.02; Mount Zion, $4.27; Oxford, $12.37; North Fork, $1.24; Olive Branch, 69 cents; Poplar Creek, $6.30; Roxboro, $8.42.

The following is the average per member contributed to all objects, excluding everything except pure benevolence: Antioch, 5 cents; Bethel 48 cents; Concord 95 cents; Corinth 36 cents; Grassy Creek, 10 cents; Mary's Chapel, 9 cents; Mount Harmony, 12 cents; New Light, 2 cents; Providence, 15 cents; Pleasant Grove, 7 cents; Tally Ho, 27 cents; Amis' Chapel, $1.29; Enon, $2.48; Henderson, $2.43; Hester's, 78 cents; Island Creek, $1.40; Mill Creek, $1.92; Mountain Creek, 3 cents; Mount Zion, $2.65; Bethany, 4 cents; Oxford, $2.67; North Fork, 14 cents; Olive Branch, 13 cents; Poplar Creek, $1.43; Roxboro, $2.06.

Respectfully submitted,

M. V. McDUFFIE.
J. S. HARDAWAY.

The Association, after remarks by Elders Stradley, Marsh, Devin, McDuffie and Hardaway and Bro. B. D. Howard, adopted the following report on Systematic Beneficence:

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Spasmodic giving is not a means of grace; we grow in the grace of giving by acquiring the habit of giving. Giving systematically is the Bible rule, and, therefore, the best. Men give more and feel it less, who give regularly, as God prospers them.

If the members of our churches would realize that they are God's stewards, and that it is their duty to use their means in God's service, we should never lack for funds to carry on our benevolent enterprises. Let us all strive to teach by word and deed that to give systematically is every Christian's duty.

We recommend to the churches of the Association to take up annually a collection for each of our boards. Making in all four collections.

J. S. HARDAWAY.

The committee offered a report on Time and Place of next meeting, which the Association adopted:

TIME AND PLACE.

Your committee on time and place beg leave to submit the following: Time, Tuesday after second Saturday in August. Place, Bethel, Person county. To preach the intoductory sermon, R. H. Marsh.

G. W. WRIGHT,
PINKNEY MEADOWS.

The Treasurer read his report, which was adopted.

Brethren T. H. Street, B. D. Howard and F. P. Hobgood were appointed to represent the Association in the next Convention.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk $10 for his services out of the contingent fund, and that the remainder be appropriated for printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be authorized to pay over all other funds in his hands according to the wishes of the donors.

Resolved, That the churches are requested to send delegates to the Baptist State Convention to represent the funds contributed by them for the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the session of any sister Association, be authorized to represent this Association.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of Associational Missions and the missionaries under its appointment, be instructed to make reports of their work to the State Mission Board annually, as well as to the Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their bountiful hospitality and kind attentions during the present session.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

F. P. HOBGOOD, MODERATOR.

B. F. HESTER, *Clerk*.

The following form of Church Letter was adopted and the churches requested to use the same:

CHURCH LETTER.

To Flat River Association:

Name of Church..... .....Delegate.....
Name and Post Office of Clerk.....
Name and Post Office of Pastor .....
Time of Meeting.. ....

STATISTICS.

Baptized ..... Received by Letter ..... Restored.....
Dismissed by Letter..... Died..... Excommunicated.....
Number of Males.....Number of Females.....Total Membership.....

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Ministerial Education, forwarded,	$.....	On hand,	$.....
Home Missions, ...	"	$.....	"	$.....
State Missions,.....	"	$.....	"	$.....
Foreign Missions,.....	"	$.....	"	$.....
Associational Missions,	"	$.....	"	$.....
Am't of all other benevolent contributions, expended,	$.....	"	$.....
Contributions of Sunday Schools,	$.....	Total,	$.....

REMARKS.

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SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Number of Schools.....
Name and Post Office of Superintendents ....
Number of Teachers..... Average attendance of Pupils.....
Contributions, forwarded, $..... On hand, $.....

REMARKS.

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By order of the Church, ..., 188...
(Signed) ....., Church Clerk.

TABLE OF PASTORS, CLERKS, POST OFFICES AND DAYS OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS,	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	DAYS OF MEETING.
Amis' Chapel	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, N. C.	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan, N. C,	1st Sab. and Sat. before.
Antioch	J. E. Montague.	Bethel Hill, "	J. L. Wilkerson	Roxboro, "	2nd " " "
Bethel	" "	" "	S. C. Humphries	Bethel Hill, "	1st " " "
Bethany	T. J. Horner.	Henderson, "	R. C. Jones	Berea, "	3rd " " "
Concord	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, "	S. Clark	Dutchville, "	2nd " " "
Corinth	R. I. Devin	" "	L. Hobgood.	Oxford, "	2nd " " "
Enon	R. H. Marsh	" "	"	"	4th " " "
Fellowship	J. C. Hocut	Dayton, "	T. H. Perry.	Beck, "	4th " " "
F. R. Union	J. A. Stradley	Oxford, "	M. B. Waller.	Knap of Reeds, "	4th " " "
Grassy Creek	R. I. Devin	" "	B. T. Winston	Youngs X Roads, "	4th " " ".
Henderson	M. V. McDuffie	Henderson, "	J. L. H. Missillier	Henderson, "	1st, 3rd and 4th Sabbaths.
Hester's	R. H. Marsh.	Oxford, "	L. Knott	Oxford, "	2nd Sab. and Sat. before.
Island Creek	J. A. Stradley	" "	H. T. Shanks	Williamsboro, "	3rd " " "
Mary's Chapel	N. P. Stallings	Falls, "	J. Z. Allen.	Grissom, "	1st " " "
Mill Creek.	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill, "	J. L. Gentry	Mill Creek, "	4th " " "
Mountain Creek.	R. I. Devin	Oxford, "	D. W. Eakes	Oak Hill, "	3rd " " "
Mt. Zion	T. J. Horner.	Henderson, "	M. Blalock.	Berea, "	1st " " "
Mt. Harmony	C. F. Humphries	Oxford, "	J. T. Denny	Centre Grove, "	4th " " "
New Light.	J. W. Atkinson.	Rogers' Store, "	W. D. Peed.	Roger's Store, "	2nd " " "
North Fork	G. N. Pittard	Young's X Roads, "	C. S. Hite	Red Bank, Va.	4th " " "
Oxford.	J. S. Hardaway.	Oxford, "	B. F. Taylor	Oxford, N. C.	Every Sabbath,
Olive Branch.	J. E. Montague	Bethel Hill, "	W. T. Humphries,	Mill Creek, "	3rd Sab. and Sat. before.
Olive Grove					
Poplar Creek.	R. H. Marsh	Oxford, "	E. T. Parham	Oxford, "	1st " " "
Providence.	E. J. Montague	Gibbon, "	A. C. Long	Roxboro, "	1st " " "
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Atkinson.	Roger's Store, "	J. W. Fuller	Wilton, "	1st " " "
Roxboro.	J. H. Lamberth	Roxboro, "	A. Foushee	Roxboro, "	3rd Sabbath.
Tally Ho.	R. H. Marsh.	Oxford, "	S. P. Washington.	Tally Ho "	3rd Sab. and Sat. before.

TABLE SHOWING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCHES TO OBJECTS OF BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	Education.	State Missi'ns.	Foreign Missi'ns.	Home Missi'ns.	Asso. Missi'ns.	Sunday Schools	Church Ext'n'n.	Bap. Orphan'ge	Orphan Asylum,	For the Poor.	Total,
Amis' Chapel	$ 10 35	$ 15 40	$ 18 00		$ 11 20		$	$	$	$ 10 00	$ 64 95
Antioch		6 80	6 55			$ 2 29	17 50				33 14
Bethany		85	50	45	3 90						5 70
Bethel		18 00	19 10	7 10				25 25			69 45
Concord	10 50	12 35	25 00	7 40	10 05					6 75	72 05
Corinth	4 00	5 18	6 74	4 21	7 71		25 00				52 84
Enon	18 50	10 40	51 50	12 25	17 50		60 00				170 15
Fellowship							35 00				35 00
F. R. Union	10 35	12 20	13 29	8 45	12 31						56 60
Grassy Creek		5 00	8 80		8 87				7 25		28 92
Henderson	90 00	25 00	23 40		2 00			75 50			215 90
Hester's	10 00	6 55	17 43	8 75	27 26						68 99
Island Creek	20 42	23 30	30 75	8 25	15 12		150 00	5 00		10 00	263 34
Mary's Chapel	2 00		1 00		1 27						4 27
Mill Creek		16 00	16 00				20 00	40 00			92 00
Mountain Creek	3 70	6 00	6 80								16 50
Mt. Zion	35 15	54 75	168 75	10 25	41 80		33 00	90 00			423 70
Mt. Harmony			4 60								4 60
New Light		83	85	83	83						3 34
North Fork		4 25	1 50	4 25							10 00
Oxford	50 71	12 53	104 05	22 13	9 59		121 70	37 00	22 60	16 26	406 57
Olive Branch			6 88	6 87							13 75
Olive Grove											
Poplar Creek	7 50	55 09	44 49	17 30	16 00		32 25			6 25	179 38
Providence			63								63
Pleasant Grove							4 25				4 25
Roxboro	5 00	5 00	11 00	4 00	10 00		22 42	10 00			67 42
Tally Ho	5 05	7 10	10 18	4 00	10 21						36 54
											$ 2,399 98

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	For Minutes.	Other Expenses.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White Males.	White Females.	Total Whites.	Colored.
Amis' Chapel	$150 00	$ 2 00	$ -----	----	2	--	3	2	2	56	113	169	---
Antioch	-------	1 25	-------	----	2	1	--	--	1	16	33	49	---
Bethel	100 00	2 00	257 30	23	--	1	4	1	2	53	92	145	---
Bethany	-------	90	-----	11	1	--	1	2	--	22	20	42	---
Concord	-------	1 50	-------	----	--	--	--	--	4	29	71	100	---
Corinth	-------	2 00	-------	8	--	--	4	1	--	49	93	142	---
Enon	250 00	1 58	25 00	----	2	--	5	--	2	41	55	96	---
Fellowship	-------	2 00	-------	4	--	--	4	10	--	29	60	89	---
F. R. Union	-------	------	-------	2	--	1	1	--	1	27	89	126	---
Grassy Creek	-------	2 00	-------	----	--	1	9	8	3	102	194	295	31
Henderson	600 00	1 50	1136 46	3	5	--	4	--	--	40	47	87	---
Hester's	-------	2 50	363 25	----	2	--	1	5	1	84	122	206	---
Island Creek	-------	3 00	-------	8	--	--	3	3	3	105	105	210	---
Mary's Chapel	-------	60	-------	----	--	--	--	2	1	10	32	42	---
Mill Creek	100 00	2 00	-------	----	--	--	9	--	--	47	93	140	---
Mount'n Creek	-------	2 00	-------	33	4	--	2	1	1	87	126	213	---
Mt. Zion	-------	1 75	-------	1	4	--	1	1	5	79	114	193	---
Mt. Harmony	-------	1 00	-------	----	--	--	4	--	--	9	24	33	---
New Light	-------	2 00	-------	9	--	--	8	3	2	61	126	165	---
North Fork	100 00	1 50	60 00	4	3	--	6	6	4	44	102	146	---
Oxford	900 00	1 50	155 00	1	13	--	3	3	1	56	75	131	---
Olive Branch	100 00	1 75	7 50	----	--	--	--	--	1	60	117	177	---
Olive Grove	-------	------	-------	----	--	--	--	--	--	---	---	---	---
Poplar Creek	175 00	1 50	-------	11	2	--	3	3	2	44	95	139	---
Providence	-------	1 00	-------	----	--	--	--	--	--	15	30	45	---
Pleasant Grove	-------	------	-------	12	1	--	--	--	--	24	31	55	---
Roxboro	200 00	1 00	-------	----	--	--	4	--	--	9	7	16	---
Tally Ho	-------	2 00	-------	9	4	--	1	3	--	48	74	122	---
		$39 83										3,373	---

SABBATH SCHOOL AND PERIODICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS,	POST OFFICE.	Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Vol. in Library.	Am'nt Contributed.
Amis' Chapel	W. T. Chandler	Buchanan	1	4	50	---	$ 5 20
Concord	A. M. Veazey	Knap of Reeds	1	--	45	---	7 50
Corinth	E. C. Montague	Oxford	1	2	---	---	------
Enon	T. R. Averett	Oxford	1	5	48	112	38 38
F. River Union	M. W. B. Veazey	Knap of Reeds	1	4	35	---	3 50
Grassy Creek	C. M. Gordon	----------	2	6	62	---	------
"	Jos. Noblin	----------	--	5	68	---	------
Henderson	----------	----------	1	--	---	---	------
Hester's	Lawson Knott	Oxford	1	6	40	---	36 00
Island Creek	R. L. Dunn W. H. Wilson J. G. Morgan	Williamsboro	4	24	150	---	30 00
Mary's Chapel	Z. Wheelom	Grissom	1	5	30	---	------
Mill Creek	T. H. Street	Mill Creek	1	3	32	---	27 00
Mountain Crrek	J. S. Eakes	Oak Hill	1	5	40	---	------
Mount Zion	B. D. Howard	Berea	1	5	40	---	24 14
North Fork	B. W. Owen	----------	1	5	70	---	------
Oxford	F. P. Hobgood	Oxford	1	10	140	---	57 65
Poplar Creek	A. C. Parham	Oxford	1	7	---	---	31 00
Roxboro	A. R. Foushee	Roxboro	1	4	30	---	------
Tally Ho	S. P. Washington	Tally Ho	1	4	20	---	------

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1ST. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the churches of the Association, and the delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in their respective letters.

2D. The objects of the Association shall be to preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty; promote harmony and union of benevolent efforts among the churches, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

3D. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected by ballot at each annual meeting.

4TH. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in cases of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and Laws are properly respected.

5TH. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

6TH. The Treasurer shall receive the funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of his official term shall report the amount received and expended.

LAWS.

1st. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all the proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2d. Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes.

3d. The vote shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4th. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5th. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views, without any personal reflections on other speakers.

6th No speaker shall make more than two speeches on one motion without permission of the Association.

7th. Speakers shall stand and address the Moderator.

8th. Laughing and whispering in the presence of the Association shall be considered disorderly.

9th. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10th. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution and Laws.